The Gillott Sale.

The epoch making sale was that of the Gillott collection in 1872-Gillott with two "l's" and two "t's"; "all others are fraudulent counterfeits," as one used to read on the steel pen boxes of other days. A good, homely creature was the leviation sizel pen maker, who captivated the great Turner in the crankle t of his moods and tamed him by the music of

erlap thousan I pound notes.
"What will you take for the lot?" was traditionally the pomman's question as be glanced in real awe around the great worked. Once I placed an aerial motor ar let's studio, where paintings were

etacked as if in a broker's shop.
"Thirty thousand pounds," growled the artist, who might have been the broker's man as far as appearance went. Gillott sat down to count out the notes without another word. But Turser stopped him. It was no deal, said the artist, yet the man with the notes might have a few. And the penmaker carried off some of the best pictures in triumph.

And now these priceless Turners were exhibited at Christie's, where all the world flocked to see them, with other fine pictures of the modern school. It was just then a high tide of commercial prosperity, and Pactolus seemed to have been turned into the British isles, and everybody, with the exception of an unimportant 80,000,000 or so, had plenty of money, and instructed by the high prices that ruled at the Gillott sale made haste to invest it in pictures. - All the Year Round.

A Radical Reform.

At the last dinner of the Dartmouth club Professor Hardy described the only any member of his many classes.

An undergraduate came into the lecture room one day clad in an outrageously wild and woolly costume-to wit, cowhide boots with trousers tucked into their tops, a flannel shirt, no necktie or coat and only one suspender. Professor Hardy, after the close of the recitation, spoke to him about his attire, rightly enough thinking that the principles of ethics were quite as important as those of mathematics.

The next time the class met the young man appeared armed cap-a-pie in what Mr. Hardy called "all the concomitants of modern civilization"-dress suit, patent leather shoes, white tie, boutonniere and, in short, all the "fixings."

"I had never seen," said Mr. Hardy. "a more remarkable instance of turning the other cheek when the one had been smitten."

However, the young man probably felt, as a few minutes afterward he stood at the blackboard endeavoring to explain a somewhat advanced problem which the professor craftily set for him, and which in the best of circumstances was likely to consume a considerable amount of time, that evening clothes were not very well adapted to the ordinary affairs of this workaday world.-Boston Her-

An Alligator's Nest.

Alligators' nests resemble haycocks more than anything else to which they can be compared. They average about 4 feet in height and about 5 feet in diameter and are constructed of grasses and herbage. First the mother 'gator deposits one layer of eggs on a mortarlike floor, and having covered this with a stratum of mud and herbage about 8 inches thick lays another set of eggs upon that, and so on to the top, there being commonly from 100 to 200 eggs in a nest. With their tails the parents then beat down the tall grass and weeds to prevent the approach of unseen enemies. The female watches her eggs until they are hatched by the heat of the sun and then takes her brood under her own care. defending them and providing for their subsistence.

Dr. Lutzemburg of New Orleans once packed one of these nests for shipment to St. Petersburg, but the young hatched out before they were started on the leng vogage and were kept about the doctor's premises, running all over the house. up and down stairs, whining like young puppies.-Harrison's Monthly. Like Siamese Twins.

The Nankin correspondent of a Shang hai paper says: "A Tianwasi man came to this city, bringing with him a remarkable freak of nature in the shape of his two sons, aged 8 years. The boys were alike in face and form, but they are connected with each other by a piece of flesh as thick as a man's arm and joined together just below the waist, making the twins stand face to face. The twins never fall saleep at the same time."

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Inventor Edison Says That the Problem Is

Sure to Be Solved. Mr. Edison laughed heartily when in formed that Chicago was the hotbed of the world for airship inventors. " know it," he said. "They haven't found the secret yet, but they will some day, It will come."

"Have you ever entered the airship field yourself?" asked the reporter. "Yes, indeed, I have. I have tried number of devices, but they haven't on a pair of Fairbanks scales and set it going. It lightened the scales, but it didn't fly." And the wizard laughed at the recollection.

"Another time I rigged up an umbrellalike disk of shutters and connected it with a rapid piston in a perpendicular cylinder. These shutters would open and shut. If I could have gotten sufficient speed, say a mile a second, the inertia or resistance of the air would have been as great as steel, and the quick operation of these shutters would have driven the machine upward, but I couldn't get the speed. I believe that before the airship men succeed they will have to do away with the buoyancy chamber. But the secret will come out some, day I am sure."

Like the world at large, which ridiculed the first locomotive, the first telephone and almost every great innovation, Edison takes a humorous view of all his experiments and seemingly enjoys a failure. "I have tried all kinds of plans to explain psychical force," he said, with a smile. "We experimented on hypnotism by placing a man's head serious collision he had ever had with in an immense magnetic plane, but it didn't work. We tried telepathy, too. but without success,"

"Have you any more wonders like the phonograph in the experimental stage?" "No, nothing but the kinograph, which is now almost perfect. It reproduces, by a rapid succession of small photo-graphs, every motion of an object. It was very hard to get the exact grimaces of the face or the clear workings of a man's fingers playing the piano, but we perfected it at last. I was very anxious to have one on exhibition at the fair, but we did not have it finished in time."-Chicago Inter Ocean.

Wig and Gown.

It was once the invariable practice of barristers to powder their wies, but this custom has now almost entirely disappeared from the bar. Only one advo cate, so far as we are aware, saves it from absolute death, and he is Sir Henry James, whose black shoulders are always sprinkled with the white powder that falls from his wig. This distinguished lawyer shows that wig and gown may be worn in more ways than one. His gown never fails to slip from his shoulders while he is addressing the court, and he is accustomed to herald each fresh argument he brings to bear upon the case by attempting to restore the fallen gown to its proper place.

In this respect he resembles another eminent Q. C., Mr. Finlay, whose gown is always half way down his back. Sir Charles Russell and Sir Richard Webster and the other leaders of the bar do not display any peculiarities in the wearing of their wigs and gowns. There is at least one well known member of the bar who, not content with permitting his wig at an angle that perilously approaches his nose.—London Tit-Bits.

Philadelphia's Waltzing Mice.

Lately the employees at the Philadel-phia Zoological garden have been amused by the antics of some queer little animals which are not on public exhibition. The newcomers are black and white Japanese waltzing mice, seven in number. When let out of their cages, they wink at each other and step gracefully forward with a movement which some of the beholders declare is a bow. Head Keeper Manley whistles "Annie Rooney," and the mice skip away in pairs with a queer, whirling motion. When he strikes up "The Bowery," they revolve so fast that nothing can be seen but little gray balls. "Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-ay" causes them to "swing corners" and dance "all hands around." Once the owner ventured to play the "Dead March" while they were dancing. With a whisk of their tails the little rodents fled to the cages like a man pursued by the nightmare.-Philadelphia Inquirer.

A Saving Investment.

"I pawned two beautiful pictures for \$5 apiece some months ago," said a man about town. "I was oppressed by a spirit living was cheap. I was going to put the pictures on storage, when the idea of pawning them occurred to me. Storage would have cost me about \$2 a month and I should not have been insured against damage then. There was no danger of their not being well cared for by the pawnbroker, though, for it was to his interest to keep them safely, so that he could sell them at a high figure if I failed to redeem them. I had the use of the \$10 for four months, and all I had to pay for that and the storage was \$1.20, or 3 per cent a month. That beats any other snap I ever invented."-New

York Sun. Sunlight. Apropos of the effect of exposure to unshine in destroying microbes, Mrs. Percy Frankland, in Longman's, notes the interesting fact that exact experi-ments conducted in the lake of Geneva to ascertain by means of photographic plates the depth to which the sun's rays penetrated showed that they did not reach beyond 553 feet, at which depth the intensity of the light is equal to that which is ordinarily observed on a clear but moonless night.

Not Mere Money. He (bitterly)-Your answer would be different if I were rich enough to shower you with golden eagles.

She-It might be different possibly if you should cover me so completely that I couldn't see. - New York Weekly.

SHE MEANT IT.

And She Didn't Care How Loud She Talked

Elther. "I suppose you have heard of the mean way in which Mr. Snodgrass treats his wife and children, haven't your" said Mrs. Keedick to a friend as the two were riding together in a street car. "Sh! Don't speak quite so loud," re

plied the latter in a frightened sort of a on Mrs. Keedick, who continued in a somewhat louder tone: "I believe it is all true too. They say

he's so stingy that he won't give his wife a single dollar unless she just literally pleads for it, and then he throws it to her much as a miser would throw a bone to a dog."

"Please don't speak quite so loud," replied Mrs. Keedick's auditor. "Mrs. Snodgrass hasn't had a new bonnet in two years," the speaker went on, without lowering her tone, "and it must be much longer than that since she had the pleasure of ordering a new gown. Before I'd put up with such ter off than your husband or mine, and cruel fashion."

"A little lower tone, please," nudged the listener, but Mrs. Keedick's voice was just as loud as she kept on:

"It's the same way with the children. They can't go to school because they haven't clothes fit to wear. He's as cross as a bear to them too. Seems to resent their presence on the same earth with him. How I do pity the poor things, and especially at this time of the year! It's a mighty sorrowful Christmas they will have unless the neighbors take up a collection for them."

There came another nudge from Mrs. Keedick's friend, and just then a man who sat near signaled the conductor to stop, and he got out.

The nudger heaved a sigh of relief. "That was Mr. Snodgrass himself, and I'm so afraid he heard what you said."

"Yes," replied Mrs. Keedick calmly. "I knew it was the miserable, mean man, and I intended that he should know just what people think of his meanness. I'm in hopes it will do him good and make life more bearable for his wife and children."

And Mrs. Keedick smiled sweetly as she bade her friends good afternoon and left the car.-Brooklyn Life.

What Killed the Parrot.

The man was walking along Woodward avenue carrying a parrot in a cage. "What have you there?" asked a friend. "Parrot; I'm taking it home to my wife. She always wanted one."

"I hope you'll have better luck than I did with one I gave my wife." "What happened to it?"

"Don't know my wife, do you?" "Neither did the parrot. It wanted to

a chance while my wife was around, so it staid awake at night to do its talking. and the poor thing died of insomnis be-fore two weeks."—Detroit Free Press.

· Made Him Wait.

At a dinner party before Renan had risen to fame he was about to speak on a current topic when Jules Simon signified his intention of talking, and the hostess asked Renan to walt.

When the greater lion had done roar ing, the lady said: "Now, M. Renan, it is your turn. You were going to say something."

'I merely want to ask for some peas, he replied, with gravity, and he was silent during the rest of the evening .-Youth's Companion.

Wanted His Money's Worth. A forlorn Irishman, reduced to the extreme stage of poverty and destitution, as a last resource made inquiry at a marine store as follows:

'Do you buy rags and bones here?" "Yes," was the reply.
"Then, be jabers," said Pat, "you may
put me on the scales."—Tit-Bits.

A Sudden Departure.

Witherby—Didn't your new cook leave rather suddenly? Plankington-Yes. She got mixed in of economy at the time, and had given her dates. She had a policeman and a up my room in the hotel to go where burgiar call on her the same evening.—

> A High Ideal. Kitty-No, Mr. de Witt, you will never love any girl as you do yourself, Tom (earnestly)-I assure you I will, Miss Winslow, whenever I find one that is worthy of so high a regard!-Truth.



Uncle Si-Marthy, them cows is gone wanderin off agin, an I can't find 'em nowhar. I do' no' what to do. Marthy-Why don't ye go daown to th' railroad people an aak 'em to seil ye a secon'hand cow ketcheri-Harper's Weekly.

Enamored Youth-May I hope to find a place to your heart? Ladylove (fin de sicole)—If you hustle. There are only a few choice locations

A peculiar case of poisoning is reported from the Bristle Ridge neighborhood, north of Crawfordsville, Ind. At a large party a new fangled kissing game was introduced, which proved very popular. The young men on arriving drewstrings of variegated colors from a box and then selected girls whose dresses matched this string. The young granger then took one end of the string in his mouth and the girl attached her face in a similar way to the other. Both then chewed up the string until they were mouth to mouth, when several kisses were ex-changed. At the party in question the person coloring the strings had used dyes which were not fast and the colors whisper. But the admonition was lost ran. Several were poisoned very serion Mrs. Keedick, who continued in a ously, and it is feared that one or two cases may result fatally. - Chicago News.

Freight Cars Dash Into a House. The Lehigh Valley Railroad company is building an embankment for a track at the foot of Cator avenue, in Greenville, N. J. Charles Johnston and his family occupy a frame house at the foot of an inclined track from the embankment. Saturday morning six freight cars broke from a train and dashed down the incline into Mrs. Johnston's house with tremendous force, tearing away one side of the building.

One of the cars was planted across the onsense I'd make my husband's life a kitchen in the middle of the building. burden to him! It isn't as though the The family were in another part of the skinflint couldn't affordit. He's far bet- house and none of them was hurt. Two brakemen who remained on the cars yet he treats that sweet woman who and tried to stop them were thrown off was fool enough to marry him in that and severely bruised.—New York Her-

Lived and Died Together. Born in the same village in Ireland, where they were friends during their early life; emigrants on the same ship, chums and roommates for twenty-five to the late Harry Edwards, the actor, years, sufferers from consumption at the | will soon be exhibited as the property of same time, and victims to the ravages of the American Museum of Natural Histhe disease at the same hospital and on tory, New York. The required \$15,000 the same day, is a summary of the curi-ous life histories of Peter Duffy, sixty-paid in the valuable collection will be five years old, and John Murphy, aged transferred by Mrs. Edwards to the sixty-two, who were buried together a museum. No one knows precisely how few days ago at Calvary cemetery .- many specimens are in the collection, New York Letter.

Lost Balf a Million.

Lord Granville, who died in 1846, with bers at 250,000 specimens. A count of great reputation for courtliness of each case is to be made before being manner, held for many years the post of placed on exhibition, and those who have embassador at Paris, and the only objectexamined the collection believe that tion which could with any show of plaus there are nearer 800,000 than 250,000. The ibility be brought against him while collection is one of the most complete in holding that conspicuous post was that | the world, and there are no private colhe was sometimes inclined to be indo- lections which approach it in number lent. He was addicted to play and of-ten ran over to London for a little of his favorite amusement at Crockford's, around the world in his professional en-White's or Graham's, but almost as fre- gagements, and each time he made an quently returned to the French capital especial effort to add to his collection, with the loss of a considerable sum of He secured specimens from every pormoney. He was one of the four noble-tion of the globe. In all lands he visited men who lost \$500,000 at Crockford's in Mrs. Edwards went with him, and, one night, his companions in misfortune with him, was interested in the work. from the ranks of peerage being Lord Often they made long expeditions into Chesterfield, Lord Foley and Lord Sefthe jungles and forests, they visited muton. Still, in spite of all his losses, Lord seums, they studied books. Many ex-Granville left behind him no less a sum changes were made by Mr. Edwards in cash than \$800,000.-Exchange.

Resigning From the Militia.

There are ways of getting out of the national guard before one's time is up, talk during the daytime and couldn't get and it is not always necessary to acquire a chronic illness or remove from the state ome a convict to find those ways A young man who recently joined the guard applied for dismissal at the end of his sixth week of service. He did not give his reasons, but the officers learned that he wanted to get out because his best girl had told him that uniform was not becoming to him. He was dropped from the rolls with dizzying sudde

character, for it will never fit you, but probably give you ridicule, but leave it to your conduct, your virtues, your morals and your manners to give you one.

We make unlovely all our days by the little soul we put into our efforts, by the way in which duties push us forward, by lack of that electric something which makes all words, all deeds, quiver and

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